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1. CHARGE AND EMBOFF CALLED ON "TFSC DEPUTY MINISTER  
AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS" CHELIK ON AUGUST 24  
TO REVIEW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND, ALONG LINE REF A, URGE  
THAT BOTH SIDES DO WHAT THEY CAN TO KEEP DOORS OPEN FOR EARLIEST  
POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. WE STRESSED THAT  
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PARTICULARLY AT A TIME OF TENSION AND UNHELPFUL RHETORIC IT

IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT SOME KIND OF DIALOGUE BE MAINTAINED AND PROMOTED. CHELIK RESPONDED THAT IN THE WAKE OF COLOMBO AND IN PROSPECT OF NEW ROUND OF ATTACKS AND RHETORIC AT UPCOMING UNGA DEBATE, HE FORESAW ABSOLUTELY NO POSSIBILITY OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUMING UNTIL AFTER UNGA WAS OVER. AS FOR HUMANITARIAN TALKS, THE GREEKS APPEARED INTERESTED ONLY IN MAKING POLITICAL PROPAGANDA OUT OF THE MISSING PERSONS ISSUE, AND TURKS WERE NOT ABOUT TO GIVE GREEKS SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY. TURKS HAD TOLD GREEKS REPEATEDLY THAT NO GREEKS ARE BEING HELD AND THAT MISSING PERSONS MUST BE PRESUMED DEAD, BUT THEY WILL PERSIST IN PLAYING THIS ISSUE.

2. CHELIK TOOK A RATHER RELAXED VIEW OF COLOMBO RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS. WHILE OBVIOUSLY OBJECTIONABLE, HE SAID, IT WAS LESS SO THAN LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION AT LIMA. LIMA RESOLUTION FOR EXAMPLE, HAD SPECIFICALLY CONDEMNED TURKISH COMMUNITY AND STATED THAT "AGGRESSION" AGAINST CYPRUS WAS CONSIDERED AGRESSION AGAINST ALL NON-ALIGNED. COLOMBO RESOLUTION HAD ALSO BEEN IMPROVEMENT IN THAT IS UNDERLINED EQUALITY OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES, BUT OF COURSE REFUSAL OF SRI LANKAN AUTHORITIES TO ISSUE A VISA SO THAT HE COULD AT LEAST INFORMALLY PRESENT TURKISH SIDE OF CASE TO CONFERENCE MADE A MOCKERY OF THE EQUALITY PROVISION. CHELIK ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT MAKARIOS WAS LOSING GROUND INTERNATIONALLY AND CLAIMED THAT YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO IN PARTICULAR HAD PLAYED A HELPFUL ROLE BY SPEAKING FRANKLY WITH MAKARIOS AND URGING ELIMINATION OF LANGUAGE MOST OFFENSIVE TO TURKISH SIDE.

3. CHELIK DISMISSED TURKISH INTERIOR MINISTER ASILTURK'S UDI STATEMENT (REF B) WITH A SMILE AND A SHRUG. ERBAKAN'S PARTY, CHELIK EXPLAINED, HAD ALL ALONG TAKEN A HARD LINE POSITION ON THE ISSUE AND WAS IN ESSENCE TRYING TO SCORE POINTS FOR THE 1977 ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ATTITUDES ARE CHANGING AND THAT TALK OF UDI NO LONGER DRAWS SHARP REACTIONS EITHER HERE OR IN THE MAINLAND THAT IT ONCE DID. NEITHER DEMIREL, CAGLAYANGIL, NOR ECEVIT HAVE RECENTLY SPOKEN OUT AGAINST UDI AND, IN FACT, HE

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MAINTAINED, THEY ARE NOT IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSED TO IT.

4. REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS ON UNFICYP STATUS IN THE NORTH, CHELIK SAID TALKS WERE STILL GOING ON AND PRCEEDING SLOWLY. AS FOR DISPUTE OVER AVLONA AND USE OF NO-MAN'S LAND BY BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS, CHELIK BLAMED UNFICYP FOR STARTING DISPUTE. HE ALSO SAID TURKISH POSITION ALL ALONG HAS BEEN THAT BOTH SIDES HAD RIGHTS IN NO-MAN'S LAND AND THAT

THE USE OF AGRICULTURE AREAS BY GREEK FARMERS ON HUMANITARIAN  
BASIS COULD IN NO WAY PREJUDICE TURKISH RIGHTS IN THIS  
DISPUTED AREA. MISUNDERSTANDING BY MILITARY ON BOTH SIDES (UNFICYP  
AND TURKISH MILITARY) OF AGREEMENTS REACHED AT THE POLITICAL  
LEVEL, HE OBSERVED, HAD CONTRIBUTED TO PROBLEMS.  
JOINT MEETING OF POLITICAL AND  
MILITARY TYPES ON BOTH SIDES WAS IN THE OFFING AND HOPEFULLY  
WOULD SMOOTH OVER SOME OF THE OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS.  
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